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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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KINSHASA FOR AID, PEACE CORPS AND EMBASSY DOCTOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SWEL, CG

SUBJECT: PLAGUE IN NORTH KIVU

REF: BUKAVU 56 OF APRIL 24 (NOTAL)

1. PLAGUE OUTBREAK REPORTED REFTEL HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BOTH BY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS IN BUKAVU AND BY FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE TRAVELED IN AFFECTED REGION. SOURCES DIFFER, HOWEVER, ON GRAVITY OF OUTBREAK. ACTING REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH CHIEF CLAIMED MAXIMUM OF 15 DEATHS HAD OCCURRED WHILE FOREIGN TTAVELLERS HEARD OF 100 TO 150 DEATHS. COMMENT: I AM INCLINED TO ACCEPT LATTER FIGURE AS CLOSER APPROXIMATION, IN ADDITION, OFFICIALS HERE HAVE PREVIOUSLY PLAYED DOWN GRAVITY OF VARIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS. END COMMENT:

2. OFFICIALS ADMIT NO VACCINE AVAILABLE TO COMBAT PLAGUE AND STATE THAT KINSHASA HAS NOT YET ANSWERED REQUEST SENT EARLY
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MAY. THEY ADD NO NEW CASES REPORTED LAST THREE WEEKS.

3. BELGIAN NATIONAL FAMILIAR WITH AFFECTED AREA COMMENTED THAT CURRENT PLAGUE OUTBREAK QTE NOT MUCH WORSE THAN OTHER OF RECENT VINTAGE UNQTE AND REPORTED THAT THE FEW FOREIGNERS REMAINING IN AREA DO NOT SEEM UNDULY CONCERNED. GIVEN PATTERN OF SMALL HAMLETS (OFTEN NO MORE THAN 5 OR 6 FAMILIES). DISEASE DOES NOT SPREAD AS IT WOULD IN ENVIRONMENTS OF LARGE VILLAGES.

4. COMMENT: REGRETABLELY, THIS IS AN INSTANCE OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S INACTION - IF NOT INDIFFERENCE - TO SERIOUS REGIONAL PROBLEM. CONTINUING SEVERE GAS/DIESEL FUEL SHORTAGE HERE IS ANOTHER EXCELLENT EXAMPLE.
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